

In the Claims

1-8. (cancelled)

9. (new) A modular hydraulic system, comprising:

at least one primary valve block;

at least first and second groups in the primary valve block of connecting lines all connected in fluid communication at one point by a connecting line of said first group;

at least two other connecting lines of said first group being connected in fluid communication to a respective connection line of said second group;

at least three first dummy components for receiving definable valve components connected to the connecting lines of said second group; and

at least two second dummy components connected between a common connecting line of said second group and another associated connecting line of said second group.

10. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 9 wherein

at least one of said dummy components is one of unoccupied by a valve component, blocking a respective fluid-conducting path of at least one connecting line of the first and second groups and forming a fluid-conducting path between connecting lines of said second group.

11. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 9 wherein

said primary valve block comprises external circumference side connecting points for optional and partial common connection of additional components.

12. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 11 wherein  
said additional components are selected from the group consisting of pressure gauges,  
hydraulic pumps, cooler units, filter units, hydraulic accumulators, additional valve components,  
hydraulic tanks, electric and electronic control components including sensors and switching  
magnets, and at least one secondary connection block.

13. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 12 wherein  
said secondary connection block comprises additional dummy components.

14. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 9 wherein  
said first dummy components receive valve components.

15. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 14 wherein  
said valve components are selected from the group consisting of pressure control valves,  
return valves, chokes and diaphragms.

16. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 13 wherein  
said additional dummy components are selected from the group consisting for switching  
valves, pressure control valves and valves functioning as a pressure scale.

17. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 16 wherein  
said switching valves comprise one of a 2/2-way switching valve and a 3/2-way switching  
valve.

18. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 9 wherein said first and second dummy components are arranged in function groups spatially separated from the connecting lines of said first group.
19. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 18 wherein said first and second dummy components are arranged in the function groups of one of two and three.
20. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 11 wherein one of said additional components comprises a hydraulic tank module having a plurality of tank parts with connecting points for connection to other components.
21. (new) A modular hydraulic system according to claim 20 wherein said tank parts have varied volumes.